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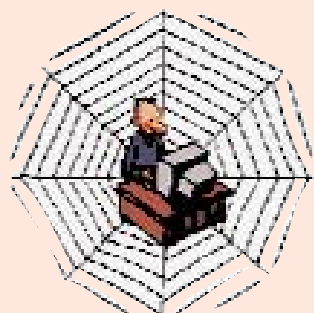
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'Til we meet again



Photo by Steve Pivnick

Joshua, 5, holds onto his dad, Maj. Enrico Paez, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, as he kisses his wife, Lorna, goodbye early April 21. Maj. Paez was among

more than 30 members of the 81st Medical Group deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in Air Expeditionary Forces 5/6.

Air Force assets Joint warfighting capabilities highlighted in review

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The four capabilities the Air Force brings to the joint warfighting environment will be the focus of the service's contribution to the 2005 Quadrennial Defense Review.

Officials in the office of the secretary of defense produce the Quadrennial Defense Review every four years with input from the services. The report details to Congress the anticipated needs of the Defense Department out to about the year 2020.

"The QDR is important to all of the services ... because it looks at what capabilities

we have today versus what capabilities we are going to need in the future," said Maj. Gen. Ronald Bath, Air Force director of strategic planning. "We do an analysis of that and make (decisions) as to where we are going to invest DOD dollars so that we make sure we have those capabilities when we need them."

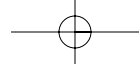
The Air Force brings three major operational capabilities to the joint warfighting environment, General Bath said. Those include global mobility, rapid strike, and persistent command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or "C4ISR."

"Those are the three things we tout as being unique to the Air Force," he said. "But there is one other thing. That is the assets we call our people — the incredibly ingenious force of Airmen (who) can take those other things and make them applicable wherever and whenever."

Those capabilities together allow the Air Force to contribute to joint air dominance — control of air and space over any battlefield in any part of the world.

"Air dominance guarantees that whenever we put a Soldier or a Marine on the ground

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COMMENTARY

Family: An unadvertised Air Force benefit

By Maj. Tony Williams

332nd Training Squadron commander

The Air Force provides just about all of the ingredients needed for its members and their dependents to live a great life — entertainment, employment, legal services, onsite day care centers, places to shop and eat, educational opportunities, and if that isn't enough, a safe environment for our family.

During my first assignment at Mather Air Force Base, Calif., my wife and I were 3,000 miles away from our families for the first time. With all of the other things provided by the Air Force, life seemed fine, but without our families around, it was hard.

My commander stressed how important family time was, but how could we have “family time” living 3,000 miles from home? That was until we began to meet our new family — then we knew exactly what the Air Force meant by “family” and “home.”

We met many new family members at that assignment, and today, 15 years later, that family is as close as ever and has even grown.

Although I am an only child and my wife has only one sister, our children have more than 100 aunts and uncles and well over 300 cousins.

Non-Air Force families call them friends, but the Air Force issues more than clothing and equipment — it actually provides a “home” away from home fully equipped with “family.”

One way you become part of the family is almost effortless. When you hear of someone moving to a location where you have “family,” get them in touch with each other. When new family members arrive at your base, you can bring a casserole over and give them your phone number so they'll have an emergency contact person to put on the form at their child's new school.

When somebody in your “family” is deployed, don't offer to help rake, take out the trash, or cook a meal — do it! People always offer to help, but rarely do we ask for or accept help. But if the help is just given without asking, it sure is appreciated.

The golden rule is very simple, but often times we forget to “do unto others as you would have done unto you.” If you have a good dentist or a good hair stylist, share their number. And, yes, if you have the number of a good babysitter, share that too, even though we might want to keep that number for our very own — a good babysitter is priceless.

It's up to us to continue to foster the growth of our Air Force family. When we do what we can to help our Air Force family, we all come out ahead. Remember the old adage, “What goes around, comes around.” In the end, your extended Air Force family is one of the benefits that is not listed on your leave and earning statement or your annual personal statement of military compensation, but it's just as important.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

On-base shopping rules

Comment — I am a non-appropriated fund employee at the Keesler Club. My wife and I are missionaries to the military and operate a military Christian servicemen center in D'Iberville. As a NAF employee, I was wondering since the base would like to keep money on Keesler, why can't NAF employees shop at the base exchange or commissary instead of taking money off base?

Response — Privileges to shop at the base exchange and commissary are regulated by Congress and are approved by the Defense Department. The official policy is written in Army Regulation 60-20/AFR 147-14 Section II, Authorized Exchange Patrons, Privileges and Identification. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency are required to strictly enforce this policy to ensure we are in full compliance. Congress devised this rule to protect the tax base of local communities. While the base exchange and commissary are a very valuable benefit for our base community, we must remain cognizant of its negative impact on local government due to its non-taxable nature.

Fallen comrades honored, remembered in Iraq

By Lt. Col. Carleton Hirschel

332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron commander

BALAD Air Base, Iraq — The e-mail didn't say anything about anyone dying or funerals, but the message couldn't have been clearer. A fellow military member had died in a combat zone far away from his family and we needed to get him home.

On the way home he'd be given the privileges of a hero and patriot who'd lived up to the code of conduct and given his life in support of his country.

I read the e-mail and knew it was something I needed to do. I left work and went home to take a shower, put on my best boots and my nicest desert camouflage uniform. I had time to do those things. Many people didn't and came straight from work.

We all had a desire to do the right thing.

While waiting, someone came out and informed us the plane hadn't taken off yet so it would be a while

and we could wait next door or come back in an hour and a half.

When we came back, more people had showed and the cordon became large.

We waited about 45 minutes and it seemed like every flare we saw or plane that landed might be the one. Finally, we saw a flare and spotted a C-130 taxiing from the end of the runway.

The first sergeant gathered us around and briefed us. He said to form two columns and taller tap, lines should be separate and the width of a C-130 cargo door.

He told us we'd step out to the back of the plane, face center and go to parade rest. Then before the transfer case could move down the cordon, everyone must come to attention, present arms at a slow three-second pace and hold it until the transfer case was aboard the aircraft. After the transfer case was aboard, we were to lower our salute again at the three-second pace.

He then told us there were two

transfer cases, so we would repeat the procedure.

In front of the terminal, we formed up into our columns, taller tapped and waited. People talked quietly and looked around. It was cold, the moon had a ring around it and fog seemed to be everywhere.

Finally, it was time and everyone took a deep, calming breath and headed out in formation. The walk was short and we formed the cordon at the back of the plane. The commands were given and everyone followed the commands to dress right, face center and go to parade rest.

During the detail, we all remembered we're professionals and needed to retain our composure. But everyone's eyes were focused on the ground or someplace out in space. Nobody looked at each other.

Some people closed their eyes to hold back tears. For others, it didn't work and tears came streaming down their cheeks.

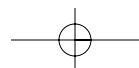
The wind was cold on my back and my hands were freezing. Everyone was cold, but nobody moved. The detail was too important.

Finally, the transfer cases arrived and the cordon was called to attention. The command, “Present arms,” was given and very slowly in perfect synchronization, everyone raised their right arms in salute.

This group of military professionals from colonels to airmen was never assembled before, but everything was done flawlessly.

After the loading was completed, I went into the back of the plane for a small remembrance ceremony. Everyone was told they weren't obligated to participate in a religious ceremony, but everyone did.

I thought about the military members I joined and the people I work with. I'm glad it's not me or a friend the cordon is for, but I'm honored that I was able to participate in this solemn event for someone else.



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Taking a Law Day look at military justice

Editor's note: For information about Keesler's Law Day observance Monday, see page 14.

By Lt. Col. Shane Courville

81st Training Support Squadron commander

CBS has introduced military justice to the American people through the hit television series JAG. Television has fast-paced drama, attorneys flying planes, and gotcha moments.

Keesler has the real thing: lawyers and paralegals dedicated to justice and a better Air Force. I have experienced real life JAG from a commander's and panel member's perspective, and I'd take Air Force JAG over television every time.

I recently served on a court-martial panel, or jury. This was one of the highlights of my career. As a commander, my experience has been in preferring charges against Airmen in my unit. Now my duty was to sit and listen to evidence.

After serving on a panel, I have even more confidence in the fairness of the system. Air Force JAG and Area Defense Counsels are highly qualified, and the military rules provide great protections to the accused.

The first part of any trial is jury selection. The attorneys for the government



and accused each ask potential panel members wide-ranging questions to ensure that the panel will be fair and impartial. After panel selection, the government and accused's attorney make an opening statement setting forth basic facts of the case. The government and, in some cases, the accused present evidence on why the accused is innocent or guilty. Often the most dramatic moments are in closing arguments by the attorneys, as each side argues for their version of the evidence.

The television show doesn't capture what occurs behind closed doors in the jury room. My experience has been that jurors take their oath to be fair and impar-

tial seriously. Military rules permit enlisted accused to request one-third panel members senior to their rank to be on the panel. However, my panel experience was that rank had no impact on the result. In this case, the accused selected officer members. Senior and junior panel members each kept an open mind throughout the trial, deliberated thoroughly in the panel room at the close of evidence, and focused only on the facts in the case. The military judge instructed us to use our common sense, and each panel member's life experience weighed heavily in considering the evidence and sentence.

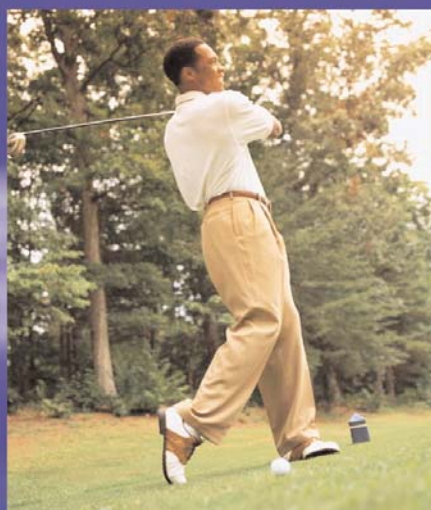
Our case reached a sentencing phase, and our panel took the sentencing process just as seriously. Our decision would have a major impact on the accused's life, now and into the future. This was a big responsibility. Again, we reached a consensus on the sentence, but only after vigorous discussion of the offense and what the just punishment should be.

Whenever the opportunity arises to volunteer for a court-martial, I would encourage Airmen of all ranks to volunteer. You will come away from the experience with a better appreciation of our military justice system.

Keesler Honor Guard

Brig. Gen. William Lord,
81st Training Wing commander,
is hosting a golf tournament
for Keesler's Honor Guard
and invites you to a for a day of fun in the sun

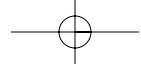
May 12 at Bay Breeze Golf Course
For more information, call Jim Taylor, 377-2081,
or Master Sgt. Reginald Cobb, 1986.



Sign-up and warm-up: 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start, noon.
\$35.00 per person
Includes lunch and
drawing for door prizes

Special package available
2 Mulligans and 2 throws, \$5.00





TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Edwin Lennep, Mississippi Air National Guard 255th Air Controller Squadron, disassembles a tent so the next group can reassemble it at Camp Keller April 19 during one session of last week's pre-deployment training. The new five-day program is intended to give Airmen additional deployment skills and tools for battlefield situations. The expanded training covers M-16 firing, increased combat skills, use of force and lifesaving training. Airmen trained this session deploy with Air Expeditionary Forces 5/6.

New pre-deployment training sharpens battlefield skills



Staff Sgt. Stephen Hicks, 81st Security Forces Squadron, checks out the contents of the first aid kit included with his combat gear.



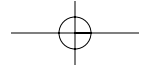
Staff Sgt. Paula Guillard, 81st Mission Support Squadron, fine-tunes her skill with the M-16 at the firing range at Camp Keller.

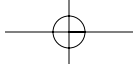


Tech. Sgt. Eugene Berg, 81st Transportation Squadron, practices using a global positioning system device.



Senior Airman Peter Plete, 81st Medical Support Squadron, gets used to how it feels to shoot his weapon while wearing combat gear at Camp Keller.





TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Summer school

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center offers a summer term May 31- August 12.

Pre-registration for currently enrolled students is available on the website beginning May 2. Registration by appointment in Sablich Center, Room 221 begins May 16 for active-duty military.

Students who will take English composition I, oral communication or a mathematics class for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

For more information, call 377-2287.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alter-

nate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Student parades are 7 p.m. May 5, July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. June 3, Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

ACT deadline

The education office deadline to sign up for the July 11 ACT is May 26.

To sign up, visit Room 224, Sablich Center or call 377-2323 or 2171.

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

WIA grants

Military spouses and veterans are now eligible for dislocated worker training grants under the Workforce Investment Act.

Categories that fall under the WIA definition of dislocated worker are honorably discharged veterans (given priority over non-veterans), military spouses who make a permanent change of station with military member, spouses of military members who are honorably discharged and sur-

viving spouses of veterans and military members.

For more information, call the family support center, 377-2179.

Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on.

First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

For more information, call Joyce James, 377-7056.

Civilian tuition aid

Civilian employees assigned to Keesler are eligible for college tuition assistance.

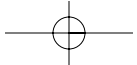
Courses must be Air Force mission or job related and taken through a regionally accredited college or university.

Required paperwork is available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 377-2323.

CORRECTION

Parents of Sera Chereskin, winner of a Keesler Officers Spouses Club scholarship, are Senior Master Sgt. Alan and Desarae Chereskin, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, and Caglayan Chereskin.



NEWS AND FEATURES

Trainer, NCO Academy win City of Biloxi volunteer awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler claimed two of the top awards at the City of Biloxi's annual volunteer recognition reception April 20.

Vivian Kinman, 335th Training Squadron, was community volunteer of the year.

The Keesler NCO Academy was top adult volunteer group.

Ms. Kinman was a National Military Family Association Very Important Patriot award of honor recipient for 2004 for outstanding volunteerism.

She prepared Operation Iraqi Freedom goodie bags, made more than 250 cards for the Valentines for Vets program and initiated the squadron pizza and snack bar to support the Combined Federal Campaign, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, American Heart Association Heart Walk and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Ms. Kinman raised more than \$2,500 for Air Force Sergeants Association Make-



Ms. Kinman

a-Wish projects. She's a Special Olympics volunteer and a reading tutor for elementary students. She's been an officer and member of several parent-teacher groups, a planner for church youth programs, soccer team mom and a basketball, baseball and softball coach.

The NCO Academy em-

phasizes the importance of community activism with more than a thousand students who graduate each year from its six-week program.

In 2004, the academy performed over 2,512 volunteer hours supporting 82 projects.

Students and staff removed the city's Christmas decorations and renovated the Seashore Mission homeless shelter. Other projects included the Main Street Investors Fair Shrimp Bowl, Blessing of the Fleet, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum spring fundraiser, Back Bay Fishing Armada and placing flags on the graves at Biloxi National Cemetery for Memorial Day.

The academy also participated in the Heart Walk, beach cleanups, American Red Cross RendezVIEW, Junior ROTC Summer Camp and drill competitions, Kids Fishing Rodeo, Junior Achievement, Salvation Army Angel Tree, Biloxi Children's Christmas Parade and Make a Difference Day.

AFSA's best



Airman Jenkins



Airman Fernandez



Sergeant Sippel

Three members of Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 received annual awards for 2004. Senior Airman Jason Jenkins, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, was Member of the Year. He served as ways and means trustee. Senior Airman Edward Fernandez, formerly assigned to the 81st Mission Support Squadron, was First Term Airman of the Year. He's moved on to a new assignment at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 338th Training Squadron first sergeant, received "sky high" recognition for recruiting more than 100 new members for the second year in a row.

IN THE NEWS

Wingman Days

Keesler plans two Wingman Days — the 81st Training Group on May 6 and the 81st Training Wing May 11.

Wingman Day focuses on the four dimensions of health and wellness: emotional, social, spiritual and physical. Activities and small group interactions are planned to stimulate discussions about common issues faced by officers and enlisted members. Civilians are also encouraged to participate.

Several Keesler organizations are sponsoring softball, golf, bowling and fishing tournaments. Additional activities and specials will be available at 81st Services Division facilities, including meal discounts and specials.

Train-the-trainer sessions are 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday at Welch Auditorium. A briefing for senior wing leadership is 8 a.m. May 11 at the Keesler Community Center.

So members can participate in May 11 activities, military personnel flight customer service is closed, and limited service is available at Keesler Medical Center clinics.

For more information, visit the command chief's Web site, <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/chiefscorner/index.cfm>

Tune in to Channel 3

Channel 3, the commander's access channel, has a new look.

Televisions in base lobbies and waiting areas should be tuned to Channel 3 for the latest in base news and events, as well as national news through the Pentagon Channel and CNN, all at the same time.

For more information or to have information posted, call public affairs, 377-2783.

Retiree Appreciation Day May 13

Keesler's annual Retiree Appreciation Day is May 13.

The event includes breakfast with trainees, health and information booths, speakers, front-of-the-line service at various base offices, a barbecue, free boat rides and sales at the base exchange and commissary.

For more information, call the retiree activities office, 377-3871.

Parking lot closed

May 17, the parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed for drill evaluations.

The lot is open in case of inclement weather.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Frank Dominguez, 377-2750.

Medical center pediatric care

Keesler Medical Center is migrating about 370 patients up to age 17 currently enrolled in family practice to pediatrics, and enrolling future beneficiaries up to 17 years of age directly in pediatrics.

Patients ages 13-17 are enrolled to the adolescent specialty clinic on the fifth floor of the medical center.

Active-duty sponsors or their spouses may request their children continue to be seen in family practice. Requests to "opt out" of the migration can be made at the family practice reception desk or by e-mailing joseph.hale@keesler.af.mil through Friday.



STEP up

Master Sgt. Keith Welch, 738th Engineering Installation Squadron combat installations flight chief, was recently promoted to his new rank through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program. Sergeant Welch, who's been in the Air Force for 22 years, is a distinguished graduate of the Keesler NCO Academy and deployed for 99 days in fiscal 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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or a Sailor on the seas, the (sky) above him is safe, and we will control that," the general said.

Part of maintaining air dominance is ensuring the Air Force has the right tools to do the job. One of those tools is the F/A-22 Raptor, General Bath said.

"The F/A-22 is part of joint air dominance, as is recapitalizing the force," he said. "One of the things that came about with (the budget) was the decision to stop production of the F/A-22 in 2008. That would mean we have fewer (aircraft)."

Air Force officials said they expect to purchase as many as 381 F/A-22 Raptors, though DOD Program Budget Decision 753 has directed the number be cut back to 179.

General Bath said the secretary of defense said everything is "back on the table" for the

QDR, and he thinks the Air Force can get those planes back in the budget.

"But we think through this QDR, with everything on the table, our number will stand and the F/A-22 production line will run longer," he said.

Also part of the QDR is the Air Force's focus on "Future Total Force." This concept means a smaller, but more capable Air Force in both people and aircraft. It also focuses on finding new ways to use Guard and Reserve units.

"We know we are going to come down in the total number of airplanes," General Bath said. "We are also looking at changing the way we utilize the Guard and Reserve. We are not looking at drawing down the numbers of people in the Guard and Reserve, but we using them differently.

"Some of the missions are going to change, some will shift to those missions that are becoming more important as the times are changing."

**Cyberspace
isn't a secure
environment.**

CORRECTION

Airman 1st Class Clint Jones, who was court-martialed last month, was a member of the 336th Training Squadron, not the 335th TRS as was stated in the April 21 issue of the Keesler News.

Keesler telephone directories are available online at <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil>

Click on "phone directory" to bring up a quick reference.

For an organizational listing, click on "listing" then "organizational."

For more information, call public affairs, 377-2783.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Iraq, Afghanistan campaign medals

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Two new campaign medals announced April 7 recognize service members for their contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Defense Department officials announced the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal for service members who directly supported Operation Enduring Freedom between Oct. 24, 2001, and a date to be determined in the future or Operation Iraqi Freedom between March 19, 2003, and some future date.

The new campaign medals were established by presidential order for service members who have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in these areas, officials said.

Until now, service members deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq during the designated timeframes were awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Service members with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal remain qualified for it and may apply for the appropriate new campaign medal as well.

Service members may receive both of the new campaign medals if they meet the requirement for both awards.

For more information, call the military personnel flight.

Officer promotion orders

Effective immediately, Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the "Quick Win" initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn't affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony. For more information, call 377-3895, or email lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil.

WAPS study list available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The current weighted airman promotion system catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>.

The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Test dates for staff sergeant are May 1-31.

Keesler Contact Center

The Keesler Contact Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days in the customer service office, Room 125, Sablich Center.

Computers and phones telephones provide a direct link to the Air Force Contact Center at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for inquiries about identification cards, TRICARE, family care, leave, career enhancement, employment, training, relocations, special programs, retirement and separation.

The AFCC Web site is <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

The AFCC can also be contacted 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays by calling DSN 665-5000, 1-210-565-5000 or 1-866-229-7074, e-mailing contact.center@randolph.af.mil, fax DSN 665-1239 or 1-210-565-1239, or mail to HQ AFPC/DPSFC, 550 C St. West, Suite 37, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.

A-76

Questions keep coming about reduction in force

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Here are answers to more questions from the April 4 A-76 town hall meeting from the civilian personnel office.

For a reduction in force, do we have to submit a resume?

No. Placement of permanent employees will be determined by experience coded in the personnel system. Therefore, it's very important to check your records to ensure all training, education, performance ratings, experience, veteran's preference, service computation dates and other information are current and accurate.

Please explain discontinued service retirement. Will it be used during the RIF?

It's possible that a discontinued service retirement may be applicable to some employees affected by a RIF.

First, questions regarding retirement should be directed to the Benefits, Entitlements, Service Team at the Air Force Personnel Center, 1-800-616-3775.

Discontinued service retirement may be appropriate when the employee is being involuntarily separated, or in some cases, adversely affected due to no fault of their own.

More specifically, eligibility requires an employee be notified of an involuntary action such as a job abolishment or reassignment to another commuting area, or has not received an offer of another position at or within two grades below the employee's present position.

Additionally, an employee must be at least age 50 and have at least 20 years of total creditable service, or any age with at least 25 years of creditable service.

When will we be able to sign up for the Priority Placement Program?

The civilian personnel flight begins registration of all

employees who may be affected by the RIF shortly after the tentative decision is made and results of the mock RIF are received. We'll contact only those employees who may be affected, as other employees won't be eligible for PPP registration.

If offered a job on the PPP, does that make you ineligible for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority or Voluntary Separation and Incentive Program offers?

If you're offered a comparable position or placed in a comparable position through the PPP, you're no longer being separated, and VERA or VSIP won't be offered. In some cases, certain job offers may be made to substantially lower grades as a last resort to avoid separation. In these cases, the employee would be informed whether the offer may be declined without consequences.

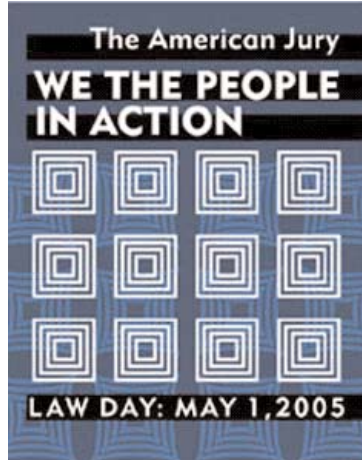
You may decline these type offers and still retain eligibility for VERA and VSIP. The same applies to placement or offers being made at Keesler — if you're offered or placed in a comparable position on Keesler, it disqualifies you for VERA or VSIP.

How will implementation of the National Security Personnel System affect the A-76 RIF process?

At this time, we don't anticipate NSPS implementation to affect the A-76 process.

If you're involuntarily separated, how long can you keep your health insurance?

If the employee is separated due to RIF, the employee can continue enrollment for 18 months following separation. During this time, the agency continues to pay its share and any additional administrative costs. Employees continue to pay their share. For more information, contact a BEST counselor at AFPC.



Base plans luncheon to observe Law Day

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler celebrates Law Day with a luncheon for commanders, first sergeants, attorneys from the base legal office and members of the Harrison County Bar Association, 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Keesler Club.

Guest speaker for the event is Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood.

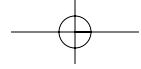
Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, issued a proclamation directing Keesler's participation in the national observance.

"The theme for this annual observance is 'The American Jury: We the People in Action,'" General Lord said. "I request all Keesler personnel to observe this day as a special day of recognition and appreciation of our liberties, laws, courts and judicial system."

In 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower designated May 1 as Law Day to strengthen America's heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law.

McBride Library features a Law Day spotlight on popular legal novels and nonfiction books.

For more information on Law Day, visit <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html>.

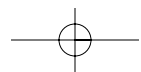


Here comes the bus



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Steve Martin, 81st Transportation Squadron, posts a color-coded map of base shuttle routes in the Taylor Logistics Center break room. He and Kim Dodez of Wall Studio developed the maps to familiarize newcomers with bus stop locations. Blue lines mark the weekday route and red lines show the weekend route. Other maps are posted at entrances to the visitors' center, base exchange, commissary, Muse Manor, Shaw House, Keesler Medical Center, Sablich Center, dental clinic, base operations, Triangle mini-mall, Fishbowl and permanent party dormitory mailbox areas, Marine and Navy dorm, Keesler Federal Credit Union, marina park, Bay Breeze Golf Course, Pass Road Gate and Wolfe, Dolan and Allee halls. The shuttle schedule is in the Digest section of the Keesler News.



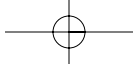
Lest we forget



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Quardrick Brumfield, 81st Mission Support Group, and Henry Greenbaum light a candle during the annual Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony, April 20 at the Keesler Club. Mr. Greenbaum, one of the speakers, is a Holocaust survivor. Other speakers included Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood, World War II "liberator" Bob Ferguson, Gretchen Skidmore of the National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander. Closing prayers were led by Chaplain (Maj.) Kalman Dubov.

**The Keesler Honor Guard needs new members.
For more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.**



Military members protected from foreclosure

By **Gerry Gilmore**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Federal law prohibits mortgage lenders from immediately foreclosing on homes owned by service members deployed overseas on military duty, a senior legal officer said here.

All service members, including those deployed, are protected under the Service members Civil Relief Act, signed by President Bush on Dec. 19, 2003, said Army Col. Christopher Garcia, director of legal policy for the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

“The (act) includes a provision that protects against default judgment,” Colonel Garcia said. “In any civil action,

such as a lawsuit or a foreclosure, in which the defendant does not make an appearance, the court must require the plaintiff bringing the suit to file an affidavit saying whether or not the other party in the lawsuit is a service member.”

If the party being sued for foreclosure or some other debt action is a service member, he said, the act “requires the judge to do certain things to protect the service member’s rights.”

For example, the courts are required to stay the court proceedings for a minimum of 90 days until the service member can be present to assert a defense, he said. Most often, such court cases are delayed until the service member has completed his or her overseas deployment.

Colonel Garcia said he had no specific information regarding recent news reports saying some deployed service members have had their homes foreclosed on or had other assets seized in contradiction to the law.

Business-community compliance with the act “generally has been very good,” Colonel Garcia said. Yet, he acknowledged, there have been “isolated cases of noncompliance.” This usually occurs “when a lender, or landlord, or other person dealing with a service member is unaware of the law,” he said.

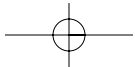
After lenders and other creditors become aware of the law, they usually comply with it, Colonel Garcia said.

Activated Reserve and Guard service

members and those on active duty and their family members can contact their local military legal assistance officers to assist them in enforcing their rights, Colonel Garcia said.

A legal assistance attorney can “draft a letter or make a phone call,” he said. If the creditor refuses to comply with the act, either the service member can sue privately, or the Department of Justice can bring an enforcement action in federal court.

The act is an update to the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, which was established to provide protections to deployed troops who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of to their military service.



Earth-Arbor Day events highlight base's environmental awareness



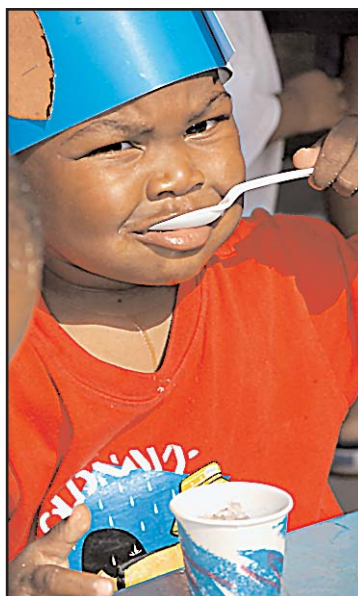
Kati Kelley, environmental coordinator for Complete Environmental and Remediation Company, sorts hazardous waste dropped off at the recycling center for disposal April 21. Keesler provides a hazardous waste disposal day twice a year – in the fall and on Earth-Arbor Day.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, gets some help from Ashley Jurado, left, Kaitlyn Gates and Tyler Johnson during a tree planting at the child development center April 21. The 5-year-olds are the children of Staff Sgt. Todd Jurado, 334th Training Squadron; Staff Sgt. Kevin and Michelle Gates, 81st Communications Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Tyler Johnson, 81st Training Support Squadron.



Keesler runners took to the streets for the annual Earth-Arbor Day fun run April 21.



Javen Briggs, 2, enjoys a snowball at family fun day. He's the son of Senior Airman Krystal Briggs-Lide, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.



Tech. Sgt. John Dawson, 2nd Air Force, enjoys sandbox play with his son, Christian. He and his wife, Tammi, are parents of the 3-year-old.

Parents take time to play at family fun day



Amy Godwin watches her 1-year-old daughter, Anna, play with a tub of bean bags during family fun day at the child development center April 21. Anna's dad is Tech. Sgt. Bradford Godwin, 333rd Training Squadron.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Seven-month-old Alexandria Mitchell plays with bubbles blown by her mom, Capt. Linda Mitchell, 333rd TRS. Her dad is Maj. Brad Mitchell, legal office.

RETENTION CORNER



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. James LaBelle, noncommissioned officer in charge of the First Term Airmen Center, reviews FTAC's future class schedule with Senior Airman Jessica Davis, FTAC troop leader, in the FTAC office Monday. As NCOIC, Sergeant LaBelle's duties entail coordinating with base agencies to ensure Keesler's newest Airmen receive all of the information they'll need to ease their transition into permanent party status. The Bogalusa, La., native enlisted to serve God and country. He enlisted June 9, 1999, and reenlisted March 5 because, "I'm having too much fun doing my part for the Air Force." His goals are to see FTAC graduates become successful, become a first sergeant and achieve the rank of chief master sergeant. Off duty, he spends time with his wife and daughter, studies the Bible and occasionally plays video games.



Photo by Steve Pivnick

A private room gave the Perry family an enhanced chance to bond after baby Austin's birth.

More private rooms first of many changes for obstetrics ward

**By Master Sgt.
Tommy Belcher**

81st Surgical Operations Squadron

Anyone visiting Keesler Medical Center's third floor lately may have noticed blocked off hallways and construction zones.

A major renovation project is underway that will ultimately result in a modern obstetrics suite similar to those found in many new hospitals.

Although the new unit won't open for a while, the obstetrics/gynecology flight is developing many changes now to improve the family-centered birthing experience for its patients.

Last month, more postpartum rooms were converted to private rooms so patients rarely have to share a room with another mom after delivering their babies.

According to Lt. Col. (Dr.) Michael Bashford, OB/GYN flight commander, this allows new dads to stay in the room with their wives if they desire.

"We want to provide our patients the kind of experience we know they want," the colonel said. "We know they want to have a private room, so we made that change. We also know our patients want the baby's father to be able to be there with them, so we've made that possible, too."

New foldout sleeper chairs

for dads are arriving. An extra bed is placed in rooms that don't have the sleepers yet.

Lindsey Perry, a recent beneficiary of the new concept, gave birth to son Austin April 11.

"I really enjoyed having my own room," she said.

When Caitlyn was born at Keesler two years ago, Lindsey was in a semi-private room. Although she didn't have a roommate, there was a second bed in the room which made it crowded.

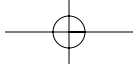
"This time there was more space allowing for more family time," she observed.

The foldout sleeper allowed her husband, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Justin Perry, to spend the night.

"That was really great," Lindsey said. "He helped out during the night. It saved me from having to get up several times. It really helps with bonding."

Another aspect that made this birth different for Lindsey was her husband was present this time.

"Justin was deployed to Kuwait when Caitlyn was born," Lindsey explained. But he almost missed Austin's arrival, too. The flight returning his unit from Guam was delayed by a volcanic eruption on the island of Saipan and he landed in Gulfport April 9.



KEESLER NOTES

Texas Hold ‘Em

The next round of Texas Hold ‘Em is 7 p.m. Friday at the Keesler Community Center.

Practice round begins at 6 p.m.

The top eight players from each round secure their spot in the championship round May 19. The grand prize is a seven-night, eight-day Armed Forces Vacation Club trip and a \$100 gas card.

To register, call 377-8313, or e-mail keeslerpoker@mail.com.

Plants for sale

The commissary plant sale is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

NCO promotion

The next noncommissioned officer promotion ceremony is 3

p.m. Friday at the Keesler Community Center.

Uniform for those being promoted and speakers is service dress.

Practice for those being promoted and speakers is 3:30 p.m. today at the community center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Harold Boyd, 377-2027.

Auction

The Keesler Officers Spouses Club and the 81st Medical Center Officers Spouses Club plan a social and auction Friday at the Keesler Club.

The silent auction begins at 6 p.m., followed by the open auction at 7:30.

Deadline for pledges or auction donations is Saturday. For more information, call Angie Cook, 374-7111 or e-mail

bostoncooks@hotmail.com.

For information or tickets, call Rocio Nadolski, 374-1399 or e-mail KOSpousesClub@hotmail.com.

Chapel service moves

Due to construction, this Sunday’s 11:30 a.m. gospel service normally held at the Triangle Chapel moves to the Keesler Community Center.

National Prayer Day

The National Day of Prayer is observed at 10:30 a.m. May 5 at Larcher Chapel, followed by refreshment fellowship.

Base chapels are open during the day for prayer.

Christian concert

A free Christian concert featuring The Pool Boys is hosted by the Fishbowl, 4 p.m. May 8

on the parade grounds behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

For more information, call 377-2331.

Airman’s Attic

Airman’s Attic, 800/802 Rodenberg Avenue in Bay Ridge housing area accepts furniture, appliances, area rugs and carpets, cutlery, dishware, maternity clothing and infant clothing.

All items must be clean, serviceable and ready for immediate use.

Airmen basic through senior are authorized to use the attic. Staff and technical sergeants can use items from the attic with an approval letter from their first sergeant.

The attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, call 257-9586. If donating large items, call 229-0562.

Customer service

The customer service section of the military personnel flight is closed May 11 for Wingman Day-Safety Day.

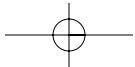
For more information, call Master Sgt. Melvin Edwards, 377-3202.

Kids on the Move

Kids on the Move, a program for children whose families are moving to new assignments, is 6-7 p.m. May 26, July 28, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 at the youth activities center.

The program is sponsored by the family support center and youth activities center.

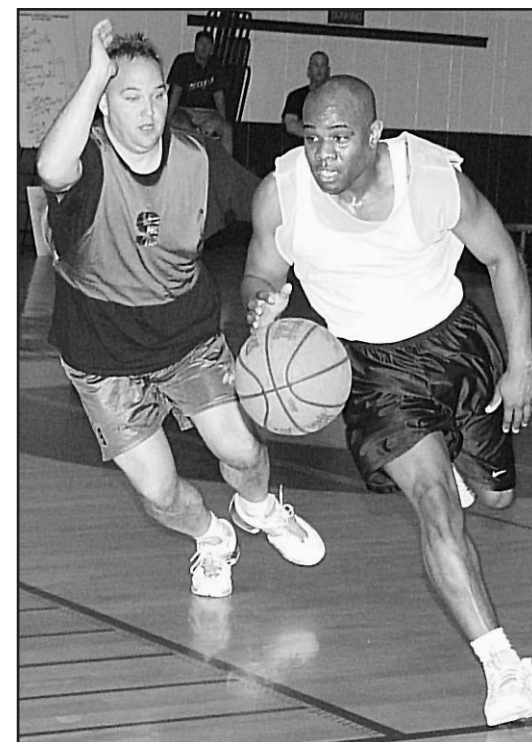
To preregister, call 377-2179.



SPORTS AND RECREATION



Kenneth Dukes, center, 333rd TRS, bounds over three 334th TRS players to make a catch during the championship game April 19.



Photos by Kemberly Groue
Monty Harshner, left, 334th TRS, rushes Erick Welcome, 333rd TRS, during the championship game April 19. The Mad Ducks won the intramural championship by coming from the losers' bracket and winning three consecutive games. The final score was 51-35.

Ducks come from behind to win 2nd basketball title

By Airman 1st Class
Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

The 333rd Training Squadron Mad Ducks claimed the intramural basketball championship April 19 for the second consecutive year.

Erick Welcome, 333rd TRS team member, credits the team's success to the talent their team has, both offensively and defensively.

"We respect each other's game," he explained.

The Mad Ducks ended regular season play in second place, 11-3, behind the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron-A, 12-2.

Starting the playoffs was déjà vu for the champions, because early in the playoffs, the Mad Ducks found themselves in the losers' bracket, just like last year.

In a playoff game against the 81st Medical Operations Squadron, the score was tied with about 15 seconds left, and Welcome passed the ball to Kenneth Dukes, and finished with a three-point play that was a turning point for the team.

"That game boosted our confidence even more," Welcome said.

The team had four returning players, including Dukes, the best player on base, according to Welcome. He was recently selected to play with the Gulf Coast Bandits, a local World Basketball Association semi-professional team.

Also returning was Chris Geiger, the Mad Ducks' do-it-all man.

"Geiger does whatever we need — rebounds, scoring or shutting down the other team's best man," Welcome pointed out. "He does it, night in and night out."

The other two were Welcome, the floor general who ran the offense and defense, and Vernon Mangum, the team's workhorse on defense.

"He fought for rebounds and intimidated other opponents," Welcome explained.

Other team members are Dennis Anderson, Darrick Payton and Jarvis Sanders.

The Mad Ducks' strategy was to play tough within themselves and to be consistently tough each and every night, Welcome said.

"Repeating to get the championship was difficult, but as a team we pulled out the victory," Welcome stressed.

Keesler bike safety training gets new look

Local dealership donates 10 motorcycles to base for riding courses

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The Keesler safety motorcycle riding course has a new look, thanks to a donation from a local merchant.

According to John King, traffic safety chief, Suzuki City, a local motorcycle company, donated 10 motorcycles to be used for Keesler's two motorcycle safety training courses.

"I was at the local Suzuki dealership, and we started talking," Mr. King said. "The owner of the company mentioned that a few motorcycles had been lent to Hattiesburg in the past, and we started talking about doing something similar for Keesler.

"About three months ago, we really started looking into doing this, and everyone went from there," Mr. King said.

The 10 motorcycles differ in size, according to Mr. King.

"Three of the bicycles are sports bikes, four of them are considered cruisers and the rest are off road type bikes," said Mr. King said. "I would say the motorcycles are worth about \$35,000."

According to Lt. Col. Lawrence Averback, 81st Training Wing chief of safety, the Suzuki bikes are going to be used regularly.

"There is a high demand because the course is required for all active duty, non-appropriated funds and civil service employees who

wants to ride his or her bike on base," Colonel Averback said. "The class teaches riders how to ride safely.

"Two years ago, I was signing up about three or four people a month for our course; now I have about seven to 10 people," Mr. King said.

He added that the bike riders' course has students from other military installations.

"In the past, we've had military members from Naval Air Station Pascagoula, Gulfport Construction Battalion even Coast Guard members from Mobile, Ala., have come here to take our safety course," Mr. King said. "Taking a motorcycle safety course is mandatory at all Air Force installations, and

the other branches of the military are making similar requirements."

Keesler has two different classes of safety courses for different riding skills, said Colonel Averback.

"We have a beginner's course which lasts over three days, teaching the very basics of bike riding and we have an advanced course, which is just one day, which deals with more detailed techniques," Colonel Averback said.

Either course can be taken even if a member is just thinking about purchasing a bike.

"A person does not have



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Staff Sgt. Marvin Fleeting, 81st Security Forces Squadron, checks his right side mirror on one of the 10 bikes.

to actually have a motorcycle to take the course," Colonel Averback said. "They can use one of our loaners and make an informed decision on what

type of motorcycle to purchase. We get a lot of feedback from both beginner as well as advanced riders, who all say they learn something from the course."

As part of the deal, the base and the dealership will swap bikes, Mr. King said.

"All of the bikes had maybe one-eighth of a mile on the speedometer, if that," he said. "These bikes are pretty much brand new, and we'll keep them for one year. At the end of the year, we'll trade the bikes back to Suzuki City and they'll provide us 10 new bicycles. In turn, they will sell the bikes that they lent us as used motorcycles."

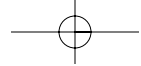
The base has had some form of motorcycle safety training for the last decade, Mr. Hill said.

"In 1997, we established a course for the experienced rider," he said. "In 2003, we began to offer an expanded course for beginners.

For more information on the availability of either course, contact your unit safety representative.



From left, Fleeting, Staff Sgt. Jeff Swann, 81st Training Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Matthew Schaffer, 332nd Training Squadron; and Airman 1st Class Adam Smith and Alce Martin, both from the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, power walk with their motorcycles.



SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Bowl in the Dark — noon to 4 p.m. today. Open to military and civilians, teams and individuals. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 377-2142 or 377-4444.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have-ball and base intramurals.

Retiree Day special — May 13. Retirees bowl for \$1 per game with free shoe rental receive a 75 cent discount on the daily lunch special, and have their bowling ball cleaned free from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required. For more information, call 377-2817.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay to bowl, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all day Sundays, bowl two hours \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Varsity teams — players and coaches are needed for both volleyball and softball teams. Interested members can sign up at either the Blake or Triangle Fitness centers.

Sports physicals — pediatric clinic provides sports physicals for school-age students. To schedule, call the TRICARE appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

Fitness assessments — appointments only. For more information, call 377-4385.

Dragon Fitness Center

Parent-child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years available.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered at Dragon Fitness Center to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category and gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Givin' all he's got



Photo by Kemberly Groue

John Taylor, 336th Training Squadron, attempts to squat 535 pounds during the Muscle Mania competition April

16. He placed first in the 198-220 weight class by lifting 1,555 total pounds, missing first overall by .0545 pound.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Intramural golf championship — 1 p.m. today at Bay Breeze.

2005 Keesler vs. Biloxi Bay Chamber Bay Golf Tournament — 1 p.m. May 6 shotgun start. Cost \$55. Winner takes home Don Wylie Memorial Cup. For more information, call 377-5817 or e-mail wayne.rowell@keesler.af.mil

Honor Guard golf tournament — noon, May 12. Cost is \$35 per person, including lunch. For more information, call Jim Taylor, 377-2081 or Reginald Cobb, 377-1986.

Bring two, golf free program — sponsor two or more guests, receive 18 holes of free. Guest fee \$25. For more information, call 377-3832.

Free golf lessons for novice golfers — 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays. Sign-up in the pro shop. Maximum 15.

Free golf lessons for non prior service students — noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Sign up in the pro shop. Maximum 20.

Individual lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Deep seas fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and down Fridays. \$40.

Mother's Day special — May 8. Moms receive a 10 percent discount on boat rentals.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — pick your day and call to reserve, \$100 per person. Maximum six people.

Dinner cruise — 4-8 p.m. May 14, 28. Cost is \$40 per person including meal.

Swimming lesson registration — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 10-12. Call for more information.

Base swimming pools — open May 28.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power and water included.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification and is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — available by appointment only. For more information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Editor's note: For more information, call Jim Grubb, 377-3056.

Amateur softball clinic — 5:30-8 p.m. today, Vandenberg Community Center. Open to all players to learn softball rules.

Weather

Intramural sports officials have until 3 p.m. on game day to postpone or cancel games. If the weather becomes a safety issue after 3 p.m., the officiating crew makes the decision whether to play before 6 p.m.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming sports programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

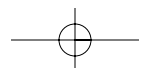
Taekwondo — 6:30-7:30 p.m. for children, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Michael Munyon, 239-6270.

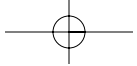
Little slugger



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Tara Evans, left, 335th Training Squadron, visits with Dylan Harris of the squadron-sponsored 335th TRS Bulls D'Iberville Little League team, during a picnic held by the Bulls on base Sunday. The 8-year-old is the son of Heath and Janelle Harris.





DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

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2nd Air Force — Staff Sgt. William Kanoy; Master Sgt. Ray Forcier.

41st Aerial Port Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Lisa Pina.

45th Airlift Squadron — Staff Sgt. Shondra Kyle.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Senior Airman Bradley Cross; Tech. Sgt. Randy Sherlin.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Senior Airmen Hiu Chon and Michael Kehoe II; Tech. Sgt. Kelly Sheedy.

81st Communications Squadron — Senior Airman Jeremy Hollier; Staff Sgts. Bryan Adomanis, Ian Bowdidge, Michael Clark, Michael Edwards Jr., Marisha Garris, Robert Staub and Casey Walters.

81st Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Kevin Albertson.

81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Jaime Reed.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Senior Airmen Brian French and Dequijamin Roberson; Staff Sgts. Anthony Ard, Andrea Langham, Fred Mathis IV, Tina Nedbalek and Amanda Ruiz; Tech. Sgt. Tina Mauro-Behrens.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Senior Airmen Vianne Dacumos, Angela Jemison, Alexander Nieto-Avila and Rachel Staub; Tech. Sgt. Sydney Dyche.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Staff Sgts. Priscilla Gregg and Christopher Jackson; Tech. Sgt. Ernesto Alvendia; Senior Master Sgt. Tina Shaw.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Staff Sgt. Amber Warren; Master Sgt. Junius Oates III.

81st Supply Squadron — Senior Airman Stacey Hoff.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Airman 1st Class Andrea Betancourt; Staff Sgts. Judd Hailey and Mack McCarthy Jr.; Tech. Sgt. Adrian Combe IV; Senior Master Sgt. Pierre Culver.

81st Transportation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Christopher Smith.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Tammy Bailey.

81st Training Support Squadron — Senior Airman Patrick Sanback; Staff Sgts. Bryan Estep and Jerold Strauss; Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton; Master Sgt. Alan Lis.

81st Training Wing — Tech. Sgt. Michelle Seals; Master Sgt. Gaynell Smith.

332nd Training Squadron — Staff Sgts. Jacob Ahigrim, Jana Jacobs and Jason Wilson; Tech. Sgts. Lynnit Cotton, Andre Florence, Raymond Mott and Brad Robbins; Master Sgt. Louie Shaw Jr.

333rd TRS — Staff Sgts. Jack Engelage, Michael Harvell, Frederick Herriott, Steven Katz, Benjamin Labelle, April Malloy, Kevin Morris, Gerald Schlais Jr., Jennifer Soemisch and Matthew Swift; Tech. Sgts. Jeffery Ball, Matthew Cook, Christopher Geiger, Eric Gibson and Robert Smith; Master Sgts. Douglas Hinderliter and Patrick Weatherington.

334th TRS — Senior Airman Anthony Perry; Staff Sgts. Ashonte Bettis, Tisha Bradley, Michael Charvat, Michael Hall, Demetria Hernandez, Quinntallion Lewis, Cynthia Pippin, Shannon Powell, Latrice Reese, Michael Sciortino and Elizabeth Stauffer; Tech. Sgts. James Henry II, Janet Rowe and Jerry Simer; Master Sgt. James Groce.

335th TRS — Staff Sgts. Mary Jo Albright, David Blankenship, Adrian Bouldin, Lanita Facey, Elizabeth Sabeh, Breanna Sage, Henry Sines and Terrance Smiley; Tech. Sgts. Jerome Adams, James Davis, Douglas Lawless, Philip Mann, Michael Marston and James Tart; Master Sgts. Kenneth Bennett, Terry Gabbert and Nartarsia Jones.

336th TRS — Sgt. 1st Class Brian Gilman; Senior Airmen Jared Narlock and Tamika Walker; Staff Sgts. Wesley Anderson, Thomas Barnes, Jerry Bingham Jr., Shane Bledsoe, Lori Granger, Terry Hutchinson, Jennifer Jackson, Kevin Miner and Tiffany Parker; Tech. Sgts. Jonathon Brewer, Michael Davis, Ronald Drake, Brian Gibbons, Michael Manis, Carolyn Marotte, Brad McJunkin, Anthony Mello, Lionel Rose, Alfred Tigle and Arthur Willingham III; Master Sgts. Roderick McKinley and Matthew Steinbeigle.

338th TRS — Senior Airman Rydel Nielsen; Staff Sgts. Michael Anderson, Michael Barnwell, Luke Bever, Fred Braxton, Lance Davis, Kristoffer Helfert, Billy Landreneau,

CHAPEL SERVICES

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.
(due to construction at Triangle Chapel, held at the Keesler Community Center Sunday and May 1.)

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.
(due to construction at Triangle Chapel, held at the Keesler Community Center Sunday and May 1.)

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.
Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Marc Norris, Joseph Rhoderick, Keith Rosipko, Christopher Simmering, Sean Stromer, Christopher Waddell and Francis Willis IV; Tech. Sgts. Duane Fairbanks, Paul Howell, Dwayne Maurice, Kelly Murphy, John Schreck, Michael Waite and Jason Weber; Master Sgt. Terry Trace.

366th TRS — Senior Airman Benjamin Johnson; Staff Sgts. David Cheney, Jeremy Etzkin, Patrick Grames Jr., Michael Klemm, Brian Morris, Jonathan Turnage and Raymond Varnado II; Tech. Sgts. Shane Clark and Mark Theriot.

403rd Wing — Senior Airmen Barbara Young and Anthony Thompson; Staff Sgts. Linda Adams, Susan Koncz, Tara Lewis and Darnessa Lizana; Tech. Sgts. Winifred Bass, Christopher Landis and Troy Smith; Master Sgts. Brett Blanchard and James Stevens.

738th Engineering Installation Squadron — Staff Sgt. Don Simpson.

815th Airlift Squadron — Master Sgt. Lori Weiher.

Keesler NCO Academy — Tech. Sgts. Phillip Brandley and Emberly Dominguez.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Jorge Arellano, Andrew Beck, Kenneth Black, Christopher Carrothers, Stephen Chavez, William Crain, Francisco Enriquez, Jason Ferguson, Jeremy Gephart, Philip McGuirk, Joshua Morrison, Andrew Nichols, Vincent Odine, Djuan Perry, Phu Pham, David Richards, Philip Riley, Jonathan Walker and Logan White; Airmen Leslie Manhoo, Benjamin Murphy, Vincent Olshove, Anthony Sharpe and Thomas Story; Airmen 1st Class Austin Adams, Glenn Bishop, Johnathon Bowers, Leuris Castillo, Ross Danaher, Scott Everett, Jordan Fitzgerald, Darren Gray, Dimarko Holloway, Jesse Howell, David Jones, Aiden Kaskela, Jason Phillips, Donathan Rose, Brentt Smith and Gary Thomas; Senior Airmen Dino Dan, Sean Everette, Bryan Payne and David Rivers; Staff Sgts. Mark Bodnar, Lawrence Litzinger, Thomas McCarthy, Jason McCash, Mario Sageath, Robert Seaton, Marty Selvide and Benjamin Wallis; Tech. Sgts. Scott Coil, Richard Nawai and Tomas Paris; Master Sgt. Timothy Franklin; Todd Davis.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Mark Armstrong, Paul Dickey, Kimberly Drzewicki, Joshua Shorter-Ivey, Simon Malson, Jerry McKinney, Sean Mullins, Joel Sines and Benjamin Sullins; Airmen 1st Class Tyler Blanchard, Noah Dunlap, James Marzullo, Tanner Morgan, Jacob Poulliot, Jason Stegmann, Ryan Welch and Shane Wilkin-son; Senior Airmen Kevin Hennelly and Nicholas Vanni; Staff Sgts. Steven Adamic, Marell Ducksworth, David Iglesias, Darrel Johnson and Rodney Martin.

334th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen 1st Class Joel Gard-ner, Yevgeniy Leokumovich, Jeanine Mayo and Beau Westmore-land; Senior Airmen Michael Cadore, Janice Cordell, Jeffrey Gillespie, Jordan Knotts, Jeffrey Porter, Nicole Taylor and Matthew Tucker; Staff Sgts. Scott McLaughlin, Anthony Pounds, Dale Ramirez, Salvador Talamo and Aubrey Valentine; Tech. Sgt. Lucas Terry; Master Sgt. Doyle Carlson.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Brent Callari, Martin Flowers, Jeffrey Kincaid, Sean Kirkpatrick, Matthew Mullins, Michael Peterson, Quinn Simmons, Mikael Strahlem, Melissa Thomas and Micahel Wendland; Navy Airman Recruit Kirk Trychel; Airmen Angelica Asaeli, James Ellis, Matthew Money, Matthew Omundson and Steven Yount; Navy Airman Apprentice Michael Jackson; Airmen 1st Class Jack Boubelik, Jeffrey Guy-ott, Michele Harris, Lindsay Jewell, Jonathan Jones and Jonathan Meurer; Navy Airmen Alberto Alejo, Jeffery Herold, Seth Par-sons, Anthony Pollizi, Derek Salinas, Jeremy Snyder and Matthew Wilmer; Senior Airmen Kevan Matthews, David Pearce and Joe Wiskur; Staff Sgts. Julie Davison and Drew Foote; Tech. Sgts. Dale Hire, John Lewis, Scott McComb, Tim Parkinson and Ronald Regina.

338th TRS

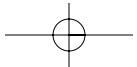
Personnel apprentice course — Senior Airmen Christine Ennis and Daniel Williams; Staff Sgts. Miriam Lollis and Gary Tingey; Tech. Sgt. Teresa Purtle; Master Sgts. Christopher Burt and Gregory White.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Eli Campbell, Shelby Jacobson and Travis Meyer; Airmen Christopher Campeau and Robert Spain; Airmen 1st Class Carvel Bettencourt, Christopher Burke, Joseph Durepos, Sean Foster, Ryan Garbers, Joshua Heim, Jeffrey Long and Shaun Wehe; Senior Airmen Jeffrey Kilby, John Martin, Thomas Scibelli and Jesse Wilson; Staff Sgts. Derek Boddy and Christy McGuffee; Tech. Sgt. Hubert Black.

Ground radio flight — Airmen Basic David Borquez, Dou-glas Burch, Christopher Gentry, Stephen Herron, Daniel Kautz-

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mann, Nicholas Nelson and Matthew Williams; Airmen Bridget Carroll, Nicholas Caughron, David Comstock, Benjamin Dawley, Jeffrey Marcotte and Steven Meschkat; Airmen 1st Class Leacey Brown, Andrew Dale, Austin Dohm, William Finton, Rodney Frame, Jason Hall, Thomas Hoffpauir, Andrew Jacobs, Bradley Luu, Jesse Mulalley, Robert Sandbothe Jr., Daniel Spencer, James Tilton, Timothy Vango and Jessica Wetherill; Senior Airman Nathan Reilly; Staff Sgts. Martin Booker and William Sitterle.

Radar systems flight — Airmen Bradley Johnson and Robert Martin-Magee; Airmen 1st Class Theodore Donald, Christopher Foy and Jason Jones; Senior Airman Jonathan Spitzer; Staff Sgt. Brian Halloran; 2nd Lt. Andrej Gerjevic.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

- May 16-27** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.
- July 6-21** — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.
- July 25-29** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.
- Aug. 2-12** — blocked.
- Aug. 15-26** — command screening.
- Sept. 12-23** — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.
- Sept. 26-30** — special selection.
- Oct. 4-6** — blocked.
- Oct. 11-21** — chief master sergeant evaluation.
- Oct. 25-27** — Air National Guard colonel, second session.
- Nov. 14-18** — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.
- Dec. 5-16** — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women’s health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women’s health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center’s Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-D — graduates May 31.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-4 — graduates May 26.

First Term Airmen Center

Class 05-9 — graduates May 5.

Chapel

Book of Acts adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call David Moore, 594-0072.

Women’s Bible study — 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Topic is Beth Moore’s “Breaking Free.” Child care available. For more information, call Bonnie Nikolaus, 818-9412.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

National garden month — book display all month.

Exchange books — change one for one.

Orientations/volunteer work — for more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Wood shop special — come in and make something for Mother’s Day and receive two hours of free shop use.

Giveaways — each time you use the multi-craft shop in April, you earn an entry for a ceramic birdhouse to be given away Saturday.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 9-11, June 6-8, July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To pre-register or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Health care professionals — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass. — Airmen who’ve completed their enlistment and don’t have a military service obligation may qualify for \$15,000 enlistment bonus in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. For more information, call 1-800-247-9151, DSN 698-1567 or e-mail recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

Missouri Air National Guard, Jefferson Barracks — looking for officers to fill positions as air battle managers, pilots and navigators with Air Force Specialty Codes 013B3K, 013M3, 011B3Y, 011G3, 012F3Y, 011F3B, 012F3Y, 013B3B and W011G3Y. For more information, call DSN 824-8504 or commercial 314-527-8504.

Employment assistance

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc>.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — herb baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas and rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal with mushroom sauce, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, garlic toast, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, garlic toast, steamed rice, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sweet sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, pasta salad, three-bean salad, cornbread, clam chowder, vegetable soup, chicken chili, corn O’Brien, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almonidine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O’Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, baked Italian sweet sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, broccoli polanaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — roast turkey, baked ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, cornbread, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, succotash, tempura vegetables, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O’Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad. pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — pita pizzas, country style steak, fried chicken, jalapeno cornbread, oven brown potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, bean combo, cabbage, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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osd.mil/dors or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.
Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.
America’s Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.
Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.
Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.
Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.
Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.
New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an “as available” basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn’t adversely affect the mission.
Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail “public folders” and click on “transition employment opportunities” for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Texas Hold ’Em (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Friday and May 13; grand finale May 19. \$4 Keesler Club members; \$7 for all others. For more information, call 377-8313.
Youth and adult guitar lessons — half-hour lessons, 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$55 per month. For appointment, call 377-3308.
Piano lessons — 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 5 through adult. For fee information, call 377-3308.
Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

CyberSports Internet game center — now open. For more information, call 377-4519.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.
Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before non working Fridays.
Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with April birthdays show their ID card and get in free the third Friday of the month.
Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.
Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.
Summer camp opportunities — registrations accepted now for summer camp for those completing grades K-6; counselor-in-training program, summer youth volunteers and youth employment skills program. For more information, call 377-4116.
F-4 Fit For Fun Force — promotes fitness for ages 9-18; four team levels. For more information, visit <http://www.f4-kids.com>.
Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.
Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.
Dance — Tuesdays or Thursdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.
Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Mondays, ages 13-18.

Keesler Club

Editor’s note: Dining is open to all ranks.
Mongolian barbecue — 5:30-8 p.m. today.
Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day of each week.
Wednesday night special — 4:30 p.m. until they’re gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.
Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.
Club level 1 — 9 p.m. till, Saturdays.
Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonwork-ing Fridays.
Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fri-days. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

VOLUNTEERS

Editor’s note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.
Airmen Against Drunk Driving — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.
American Red Cross-Keesler Chapter — provides volunteers for disaster assistance and other emergency responses. Training is provided and skills are matched with current needs. For more information, call Richard Huffman Sr., 377-3030.
Chapel — for more information, call 377-2520.
Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.
Cub Scout Pack 214 — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.
Family support center — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.
Fisher House — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.
Girl Scouts — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.
High school students — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.
Honor guard — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.
International military student office — for more information, call 377-4228.
McBride Library — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.
Medical center — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.
Retirees activities office — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.
Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Monday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Capt. Ted Cassin, 377-3727, or edward.cassin@keesler.af.mil or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.
Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444 .
Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyler House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyler House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyer House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClellan Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.
To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.
To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D’Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D’Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.
Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.
Duty passengers have priority over “space available” riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.

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Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

AWANA — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Rebecca Wilson, 832-0413.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 8 a.m. Sundays, Fishbowl Student Center.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men's fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Christian singles — various hours and activities at The Haven. For more information, call Willie Page, 392-1399.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branin Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-579; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second

Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@aol.com.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Marty Cummings, 388-4595.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377- 5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weight-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Kristi Hamrick, 872-9059, or e-mail khhamrick@yahoo.com.

Keesler Thrift Shop

Mondays

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (sales only)

Wednesdays - Thursdays

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (sales)

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (consignments at rear entrance)

**Building 3217 — 412 3rd Street
behind the Keesler Club**

377-3217

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Today — 7 p.m., Ice Princess (G).

Friday — 7 p.m., Hostage (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Ice Princess (G); 7 p.m., Robots (PG); 9:30 p.m., The Ring 2 (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., Hostage (PG-13).

Texas Hold 'Em packs a full house

By Earlene Smith
81st Services Squadron

The Keesler Club's next Texas Hold 'Em tournament is Friday at the Keesler Community Center.

Practice starts at 6 p.m., and play begins at 7 p.m.

Everyone's invited to participate in this popular event which is playing to a full house. The entry fee is \$4 for Keesler Club members and \$7 for all others. Drink and appetizer specials are available and prizes are awarded.

The top eight players in each tournament advance to the grand finale May 19, with an opportunity to win the grand prize package of a \$100

gas card and an Armed Forces Vacation Club certificate valued at \$264, good for a seven-night and eight-day stay at a resort condominium. For more information about the Armed Forces Vacation Club, visit <http://www.afvclub.com> or call the information, tickets and travel office, 377-3818.

Come early to the May 19 grand finale and enjoy a down-home, cook-your-own-steak dinner, then stay and watch the tournament excitement.

For more information, call 377-2719.

Texas Hold 'Em is sponsored by Miller Lite and National Productions, Inc., Leading the Way.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Texas Hold 'Em players are invited to the Keesler Community Center for preliminary tournaments Friday and May 13. To sign up in advance, call 377-2719 or send an e-mail to keeslerpoker@mail.com.

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Spring Fling Boat and RV Show

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday ~ Marina Park

Boat Rides ~ Free Boat Inspections

Food ~ Beverages ~ Music ~ Displays ~ Flea Market

*Parent and Child Fishing Rodeo ~ Games and Rides for the Kids
including space walks, slides and jumpers*

Food, drink and game tickets ~ 50 cents each. For more information, call 377-3160.



Treat Mom to

Mother's Day Brunch

All ranks invited to the Keesler Club
Seatings at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. May 8

\$16.95

Member
Discount
Price

\$13.95

\$6.95 ages 6-11, free ages 5 and younger

Baron of beef, sliced ham, roasted turkey, stuffed chicken breast, green peas with pearl onions, California blend vegetables, buttered corn, speckled butter beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, cornbread dressing, rice pilaf, oven roasted potatoes, plus a pasta station, omelet station,

Reservations recommended — call 377-2719.



*Mothers receive a flower and
are eligible to win door prizes*

EXTRA! Here's what's happening! EXTRA!

FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Training is at the family child care office, Building J0043, Thrower Park.

Pre-training orientation — 4 p.m. Mondays for anyone interested in being licensed to provide child care in their home.

Shift providers — needed during swing and evening shifts.

Special needs providers — needed to care for children with asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and physical impairments.

HALF TIME SPORTS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

Poor man's pizza package — two large pizzas with two toppings, \$12.50.

Jumbo hot wings — \$4 dozen.

Half Time hot bites combo — five cheese-stuffed jalapenos deep-fried and served with fries and ranch dressing, \$4.95.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For tee time or more information, call 377-3832.

Youth golf for ages 6-15 — June 28-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Sign-ups start Sunday. Each class limited to 15 students. Classes are 8-9:30 a.m. for ages 6-10 and 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 11-15. Entry fee for first-timers or those who need clubs is \$60 per session including a complete set of clubs and stand bag. Second-year students or those who don't need clubs pay \$30 per session. Class includes training on etiquette and golf swing fundamentals, including chipping, putting and full swing. All students receive a golf hat, shirt, ditty bag and a set of children's golf handbooks. A parent/child golf event is held on Aug. 5.

Mother's Day special — May 8. Moms playing a round of golf pay only for a golf cart.

Nonprior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds of golf a day, including greens fees, cart and golf club rental.

Individual and group golf lessons — fine-tune your golf swing; \$25 for 30 minutes.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All trips depart from, and return to, the Keesler Community Center.

Arena football — May 14. New Orleans VooDoo vs. the Austin Wranglers. \$25 per person including admission and transportation. Sign up and prepay by May 10. For more information on the games, visit the VooDoo Web site, <http://www.govoodoo.com>.

Pensacola Beach, Florida — June 17. \$20 per person for round-trip transportation. Pack a lunch, bring your camera and sun block, and spend the day on the beach. Sign up and prepay by June 15. Depart 9 a.m., return 6 p.m.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Orientations for college students — 6 p.m. Wednesday and May 11, 18 and 25.

Story time — 2 p.m. Wednesday and May 11, 18 and 25. Pet stories for ages 2-5.

Retiree Day — 4:30 p.m. May 13. Tours and free bookmarks, mouse pads and refreshments.

Asian Pacific American Heritage book and poster display — throughout the month.

Library services — free Internet use. Copies 10 cents page; copy machine 5 cents page; fax first page \$3, each additional page \$2; local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 0002.

Deep sea fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and nonworking Fridays. \$40 per person includes everything you need to fish. Bring your own food and beverage.

Mother's Day special — May 8. All moms receive a 10 percent discount on boat rentals.

Wet slips — boats up to 20 feet are \$50 per month. Boats 20-50 feet are \$2.50 per foot. Power and water included. Reserve yours now before the summer rush.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — \$100 per person, minimum four, maximum six people. Includes everything you need to fish. Bring your own food and beverages. Pick your day and call to reserve.

Dinner cruise — May 14 and 28. Cruise Biloxi's Back Bay, enjoy snacks, and dine at a local restaurant. \$40, includes your meal. Leave marina 4 p.m., return approximately 8 p.m.

Swimming lessons — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 10-12. Call for more information.

Base pools open — May 28.

May fishing tournament — weigh in the largest ground mullet and win a \$100 savings bond.

GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: for more information, call 377-2817.

*Shoes aren't included.

Summer leagues — now accepting registrations: Monday Budweiser, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have-a-ball, and intramurals.

Retiree Day special — May 13. Retirees bowl for \$1 per game with free shoe rental and receive 75-cent discount on our daily lunch special. Free bowling ball cleaning, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling* — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.50 per person per game, \$15 each for four hours, or rent a lane for \$65 for four hours for up to six people. Special rate for large groups of 20 or more. No charge for nonbowling youth chaperones and designated drivers; \$5 for all other nonbowlers ages 11 and older. Not valid with other specials.

Birthday parties — Saturdays. \$7 per child including two hours of bowling, shoes and food package. Birthday child is free. Bumpers are available for ages 11 and younger; reservations required.

Family day* — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents bowl the normal rate, their children bowl the same game free, based on lane availability; 1-4 p.m. availability reduced. Call ahead for bumpers.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, bowl two hours for \$8.95 (\$16 value). 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays or all day Sundays, bowl two hours for \$9.95 (\$17.25 value). Each additional hour \$2. Not valid during Friday and Saturday Hurricane Alley.

Nonprior service student specials — show UBU card and pay \$11 for four hours for Hurricane Alley or \$2.75 per game. Open bowling \$1.50 per game until 4 p.m., after 4 p.m. pay \$2 per game. Shoe rental \$1. Not valid with other discounts or specials.

Play-and-save cards* — 21 games \$25; not valid for Friday and Saturday night Hurricane Alley.

Eleventh Frame Café — lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Open until midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Purchase a lunch special Tuesdays-Thursdays and bowl a free game.

VANDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

*Dances are sponsored by Edgewater Village Shopping Center and Financial Group USA.

Eight-ball pool tourney — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Winner gets free entry into weekend dance.

Nine-ball pool tourney — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Winner gets free entry into weekend dance.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Armed Forces Day dance* — 6 p.m. May 21. \$3 per person; dance contest and prizes.

Late night dance and DJ* — 6 p.m. to midnight every Friday and Saturday. \$3 admission.

Birthday dance* — 6 p.m. third Friday of every month. People with birthdays during the month enter the dance free when they show their identification card.

Martial arts — open to anyone authorized to use Keesler facilities. Mondays-Fridays, Taekwondo, adults 7-8 p.m., children 6-7 p.m., \$50 per month. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Soo Bahk Do, 5-6:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m., adults \$20 per month, ages 6-12 \$15 per month.

HAPPENINGS AT YOUR AIR FORCE CLUB

2005 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Six scholarships, \$2,500 to \$6,000, are awarded. Entrants must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the topic:

"My hero, and why."

Essay deadline is July 15. Scholarships are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by MasterCard and Chase Bank. For eligibility and more information, call 377-2719.

KEESLER CLUB DINING ROOM

Editor's note: Combined dining is open to all ranks. For more information, call 377-2719.

Mother's Day Brunch — May 8. For more information, see page A1.

Cook your own steak night — May 19. For more information, see page A1.

Lunch specials — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. work days. Buffet \$7.95, member discount price \$5.95. Monday features two lunch lines: chef's choice and Mongolian barbecue. Tuesday's house specialty is barbecue ribs. Wednesday features an ethnic buffet and Mississippi catfish is served the last work day of each week.

Birthday special — members get 50 percent off the lunch buffet during their birth month.

Anniversary special — celebrate your anniversary at Mother's Day brunch or cook your own steak night, May 19, and receive a free bottle of champagne with your meal along with an extra punch on your lunch meal card.

Lucrative lunch — a \$25 cash drawing for members is held during lunch the last work day of each week. To enter, write your name and phone number on the back of each of your lunch receipts through the week and put them in the box at the register; need not be present to win.

Double stamp day — members eating lunch at the club on Mondays get a two-for-one punch on their lunch bunch cards.

Party equipment loan program — need tables, chairs, or chaffers for a party? Members may borrow party equipment free of charge. For more information, call the caterer, 377-2219.

DRAGON'S LAIR OFFICERS' LOUNGE

Flasher Wednesdays — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, wings and things. Flash your club card and they're free. \$3 for nonmembers. Drink specials for members.

Featured drinks for the month — creme de menthe shot \$2.50, grasshopper \$3.

Home safe cards — designated drivers receive free soft drinks. Home safe cards available. Check with your beverage server.

NASCAR WATCH PARTIES

Rev up your engines — Sunday and May 7, 14, 21 and 29 at the Warrior Lounge for all ranks. Food and drink specials. Two NASCAR gift certificates, redeemable for merchandise from the NASCAR web site, awarded weekly. You could win a trip to the Nov. 13 NASCAR race at the Phoenix International Raceway including air fare, hotel accommodations and a rental car. Second place wins a \$500 NASCAR gift certificate, third place wins a \$250 NASCAR gift certificate. Entry forms available at each NASCAR event, every 15 minutes until the race is over. A special program for AETC club members, done in cooperation with the Air Force Recruiting Service. No purchase necessary. Ask club staff for details.

WIN CASH AT THE OFFICERS' AND ENLISTED LOUNGES

Progressive pot cash giveaway — 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, a randomly selected member's name is called and must be present to win. If no one wins, \$25 is added to the next week's drawing. For information on current jackpot amounts, call 377-2719.

Quick pic — pick up your 50-cent card when you visit the club.

ENLISTED WARRIOR LOUNGE

Reserve weekend — May 6 and 8, open 3:30 p.m.

Latino night — May 20. Dance lessons 7-8 p.m. DJ Araujo 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Specials on margaritas and Corona beer.

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays-Saturdays.

Laid back Tuesdays — 5:30 p.m. tacos, three for \$1 until they're gone. \$3 domestic draft pitchers for members only.

Pinochle — 7 p.m. Tuesdays. All ranks invited.

Flasher Wednesdays — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, wings and things. Flash your club card and they're free. \$3 for nonmembers. Drink specials for members include \$1.25 domestic draft beer and \$2.25 call drinks.

Thursdays — 5:30 p.m. tacos, three for \$1 until they're gone. Members double well shots for an extra dollar.

Karaoke with Dr. Dick — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. 5:30 p.m. until they're gone, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

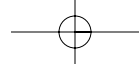
Keesler Club member card drawing — 6 p.m. last work day of each week. Two drawings for \$25 each. Must be present to win.

R & B night — 9 p.m. until, Saturdays, featuring DJ Cool Ice Water. Free admission; drink specials for the ladies until midnight.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays. Urban music featuring DJ Ice. \$3 drink specials include Sex on the Beach, Hypnotic, Long Island Tea and Incredible Hulk.

Featured drinks for the month — creme de menthe shot \$2.50, grasshopper \$3.

Home safe — designated drivers receive free soft drinks. Home safe cards available. Check with your beverage server.



ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration required for all classes. Registration opens the first of the month prior to the scheduled date at craft sales, Building 5904; space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Multi-crafts

Free scrapbook club — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Learn wire embellishments.

Beginners crochet — 6 p.m. Tuesday. \$10.

Ceramic pouring — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with an hour break) May 6. \$20 including supplies. Learn how to pour your own ceramic molds and save money on your next project.

Beginners beading — May 7. \$25 for class plus \$15-\$20 for supply kit; call for time.

Intermediate beading — May 14. \$25 for class plus \$15-\$20 for supply kit; call for time.

Advanced beading — May 21 and 28. \$30 plus \$15-\$20 for supply kit; call for time.

One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. May 7 or 21. \$40 includes supplies; certified Donna Dewberry instructors.

One-stroke project class — 1-3 p.m. May 7 or 21. \$25, sign up by May 5 or 19 and pick up an information and supply sheet. Beginner painting is prerequisite.

Beginners cross stitch — 6 p.m. May 10. \$10.

Photography — 6 p.m. May 10 and 24. \$10. Learn composition and camera use.

Ceramic painting — 5 p.m. May 10, free brush strokes class. Purchase your own greenware to attend. Call to register. Specialty class 10 a.m. May 20. Make a lighthouse platter; new techniques by Duncan Ambassador instructor. \$40 plus supplies.

Beginner ceramic painting — 10 a.m. May 14. \$5. Learn decals; paint and brushes provided. Bring your own piece or buy one from our seasonal bisqueware shelves.

Rubber stamped card making — 6 p.m. May 17. \$10.

Frame shop

Beginners — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and May 10, 17 and 24. \$55 including supplies. Limit four students. Next class June 7, 14, 21 and 28. Sign up now.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 27. \$20 including supplies. Beginners framing class is prerequisite.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25 includes supplies and tool use. Learn how to use shop equipment and receive an operator's card and safety certification for future shop use. Maximum six students. Next class June 1.

Beginning intarsia — 5-7 p.m. May 6 or 20. \$15 including supplies and tool use. Maximum three students. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7 or 21. \$20 including supplies and tool use.

Youth classes

Parent and me craft class — 10 a.m. May 14 for ages 4-7. Enjoy different arts with your child. \$10 including supplies. Second child \$5.

Specials

Open late Tuesdays — until 8 p.m. in the multi-crafts shop. Open ceramic painting class; select a piece and our instructor will help you through the steps of completing your project.

Family fun night — 6 p.m. May 17. All types of birdhouses; \$10 per project including all supplies.

CAR WASH

Editor's note: Located at the auto skills center near the Meadows Drive Gate.

24-hour coin-operated — safe, clean environment with foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

RESALE LOT

Used vehicles — \$5 for two weeks. Vehicles must be registered with the arts and crafts center prior to parking on the lot; proof of ownership and insurance required. Located on the corner of M and Q streets west of Pecan Dining Facility. For more information, call 377-2821.

KEESLER COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: Events are open to all permanent party personnel. For more information, call 377-3308.

Ballroom dancing — 7-11 p.m. May 7. \$10 per person. Hors d'oeuvres served; instructors available.

Piano lessons — 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 5 through adult.

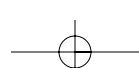
Guitar lessons — 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 through adult. \$55 per month.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5 p.m.

Coloring contest — stop by the center and pick up a coloring/activity sheet for the children. Submit entry by 4 p.m. May 19 and be eligible for a prize.

Barbershop — men's and ladies cuts, fades, flat-tops, high and tights, and eyebrow arches. \$5 cuts for retirees, Wednesdays. No appointment necessary. For more information, call 377-4146.

Conference rooms and Welch Auditorium — call to reserve for meetings, training and commander's calls.



VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: Located on 3rd Street, Building 0408. For appointments, call 377-6887 or 6883.

Low prices every day — save an average of 25-30 percent over off-base prices on Heartguard and Frontline products.

Appointments — available for vaccinations, sick call and pet registrations. All animals in base housing must be registered with veterinary services.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: Located inside Muse Manor on Larcher Boulevard. For more information, call 377-2752.

Stop by for quick breakfast, coffee, milk, juice, pastries and more. Parking in front or back of Muse Manor. Hours 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., after hours ask front desk for service.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTER

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Teen nights — 6:30-10 p.m. Fridays, ages 13-18. \$5 per person. May 6, karaoke night. May 13, game night. May 20, 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. Relay for Life Walkathon; center closes at 6 p.m. May 27, school's out block party on the ballfields.

Preteen nights — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, for ages 6-12. \$5 per person. May 7, movies on the ballfield. May 14, give parents a break. May 21, F-4 Olympic games. May 28, school's out block party on the ball fields.

Free home alone course — 6-7 p.m. May 19, ages 10 and older; register by May 18. Child must be accompanied by parent.

Kids on the move relocation workshop — 6-7 p.m. May 26; ages 6-12 learn and discuss feelings on upcoming moves. To register or for more information, call 377-2179.

Three-on-three soccer registration — throughout the month for ages 5-12. \$30 includes jersey, socks and participation award. Season is June and July.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership — TRAIL, a Keystone Club, meets 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17. Outdoor trips, community service and weekly meetings.

Summer camp opportunities — registrations now being accepted for summer camp for those completing grades K-6. Counselor-in-training program, must be at least 13 years old or in grade 7 to apply. Space is limited. Summer youth volunteers and the youth employment skills program for youth in grades 9-12. Extreme skateboard camp, 8 a.m. to noon, June 6-10, ages 10-16, \$15 per person. TRAIL leadership camp, June 13-17, \$25 per person. Archery camp, 2-4 p.m. June 20-24, ages 8-15, \$15 per person. Basketball camp, 2-4 p.m. June 27-30, ages 5-12, \$15 per person. Theater camp, 6-8 p.m. July 11-15, ages 9-17, \$15 per person. Teen Warrior Week, July 24-30, ages 13-15, \$25 per person.

Volunteers needed — adults needed to assist with a variety of programs and activities, as maintenance workers and to share their special interests and talents.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 6 and older. \$30 per person.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. Call for times, age groups and fee.

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